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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Senator Church Re Bill Broe's Appearance Before the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations.

1. This afternoon the Director called Senator Church in response to his letter of 23 March requesting Mr. Broe's appearance under oath, in public session, before the Subcommittee, at 10:00 a.m. on 28 March.

2. The Director explained that we wanted to be as cooperative as possible and the Senator said he appreciated this and recognized that Broe's appearance created some special problems for us.

3. The Director said that we were prepared to declassify for publication a large part of the testimony that Mr. Broe had already provided the Subcommittee staff informally. He suggested that on 28 March Mr. Broe appear in executive session with the understanding that his testimony at that time would also be declassified for prompt publication, except for possible small sensitive items which could be deleted from the record. In response to the Senator's question the Director said of course there would be no objection to this testimony being under oath. The Director added that we were concerned over the precedent which would be established if an operations officer testified in public, but we fully recognized the Subcommittee's legitimate interest and the questions involved and wanted to be as helpful as possible.

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4. The Senator said this sounded like a reasonable proposal and he would take it up with his Subcommittee the next day.

5. The Director said he was sending a letter formally setting forth the above proposal, and added that Senator Symington had expressed the view that an executive session would be the best solution. The Senator said he appreciated our prompt responses to the Subcommittee's requests, and remarked that Mr. Broe's testimony was important because the only other person knowledgeable on some of the significant questions involved was apparently unable to recall what was said.

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